(b) if so, the details alongwith reasons therefor; and

(c) what is the action plan of Government to control the rate of drop outs especially at the primary school level?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) and (b) Under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan the percentage of out of school children in the Scheduled Caste category, has declined from 31.87% in 2001 to 8.17% in 2005, in the Scheduled Tribe category, from 40.01% in 2001 to 9.54% in 2005.

(e) The Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) seeks to meet the gaps in school infrastructure and address the quality of schools, to promote retention of children.

Training bureaucrats in managerial skills

3827. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that IKM, Ahmedabad proposes to train bureaucrats in managerial skills;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) how far this exposure would address the menace of corruption in Government corridors?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A. FATMI): (a) and (b) The Indian Institute of Management (IIM), Ahmedabad has been training civil servants through short term programmes in various areas including development of management skills independently as well as nominations sponsored by the Department of Personnel & Training. The IIM, Ahmedabad proposes to start from 2007-08 a one-year postgraduate programme in Public Management and Policy (PGP-PMP) and the Department of Personnel &Training (DoP&T), Government of India is likely to sponsor up to 25 candidates from the Indian civil services, out of an expected class size of around 50. The programme would have three components *i.e.* Core Management module, a core Public Management and Policy module and Electives leading to concentration in a number of areas in Public management and policy.

(c) The proposed programme intends to cover the nature and causes and the remedies for corruption.